

IN THE CLAIMS:

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16. (New) System for authorizing access to a resource requested by a user, said system comprising:

a first table entry listing a userID and a first name of said user as an individual which validly corresponds to said userID;

a second table entry listing said userID and a second, different name of said user as an individual which validly corresponds to said userID;

a third table entry indicating that said first user name is part of a first group of individuals;

a fourth table entry indicating that said second user name is part of a second, different group of individuals;

fifth table entries listing:

said first name and a first resource accessible to said first name,
said second name and a second resource accessible to said second name,
said first group and a third resource accessible to said first group, and
said second group and a fourth resource accessible to said second group; and

authorization means, responsive to receipt of a request based on said userID to access a resource and authentication of said userID, for determining based on said first table entry that said userID corresponds to said first user name, determining based on said second table entry that said userID also corresponds to said second user name, determining based on said third table entry that said first user name is part of said first group, determining based on said fourth table entry that said second user name is part of said second group, and determining based on said fifth table entries whether any of said first name, said second name, said first group or said second group is authorized to access the requested resource, and if so, granting said userID access to said requested resource.